



# MINUTES

## HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

### Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Senate Chair  
Rep. Michael K. McKell, House Chair  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Jon Hawkins  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
Rep. Mark A. Strong

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

### Members Absent:

Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Rep. John Knotwell

### Staff Present:

Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary  
Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst  
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

## 1 . Call to Order

Senate Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

## 2 . 2019 General Session Review

Mr. Sean Faherty, Finance Officer, explained where to find the on-line meeting materials. He then explained a change in the organizational structure at the Legislative Fiscal Analyst office.

Utah System of Higher Education (USHE)

Mr. Faherty briefly discussed the FY 2020 USHE operating budget from the 2019 Legislative Session.

[3a-LFA Budget of the State of Utah HED Detail - 6-18-19](#)

[3a-SBR 2019 Session Appropriations Detail - 6-18-19](#)

Utah System of Technical Colleges

Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, gave a brief review of the FY 2020 UTECH operating budget from the 2019 Legislative Session.

[3b-UTECH Funding Summary - 2019 GS](#)

## 3 . Proposed Interim Discussion Items (for August 20 and October 15 meetings)

HJR 18 Review Process Discussion

Chair Grover briefly explained that HJR. 18 calls for a more in-depth look at the higher education budget process. He mentioned a planning document prepared by the chairs regarding HJR 18.

[4a-Joint Rules Resolution on Base Budgeting Provisions - H.J.R. 18](#)

[4a-HED HJR 18 Plan Document - 6-18-19](#)

Mr. Faherty discussed some possible draft agendas for the next two Interim meetings.

[4-Draft HED Agenda 8-20-19](#)[4-Draft HED Agenda 10-15-19](#)

Chair Grover explained to committee members that the interim meetings are a much better time to dig deeper into the higher education budgets rather than in the middle of session.

Sen. Millner discussed the importance of looking at outcomes. Chair Grover responded.

Mr. Faherty encouraged committee members to look at the Education and General Line items and to feel free to ask questions.

Rep. Shipp asked if institutions are allowed to move funding from one area to another. Mr. Faherty responded.

Chair Grover stated that the committee can intercede with legislation if needed.

Mr. Faherty also asked committee members to look at the Operations and Maintenance budgets.

Rep. Ballard asked if more information is needed in zero-based budget reporting. Mr. Faherty responded.

Rep. Ballard stated that she would like to have more consistent metrics as the institutions report to the committee. Mr. Faherty discussed the changes made last year to performance measures.

#### **4 . Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2019)**

**MOTION:** House Chair McKell moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-11

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. K. Miles  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. M. Strong  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0Absent-5

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Sen. J. Stevenson

#### **5 . Review of Strategic Workforce Initiative Partnerships:**

Mr. Faherty discussed the Strategic Workforce Initiative Partnership programs for the FY 2020 fiscal year.

[5a-TTECH Aerospace Pathway 6-18-19](#)[5a-UBTECH Geoscience Technology Pathways](#)[5a-USU Core IT Statewide Stackable Credentials](#)

[5a-USU Moab Welding Career Pathway](#)

[5a-USU Moab Welding Revised Budget](#)

[5a-WSU Building Design and Construction](#)

[5a-WSU Cybersecurity](#)

Mr. Faherty gave a brief history of the strategic workforce initiative program.

[5b-SWI Historical Awards](#)

[5b-SWI Program Performance Reporting](#)

[5b-SWI Program Review Presentation](#)

Sen. Millner asked for more uniform metrics for reviewing the outcomes of these initiatives.

Ms. Kimberlee Carlile, Director, Talent Ready Utah, Governor's Office of Economic Development introduced the presenters from the IT Stem Academy.

House Chair McKell assumed the chair.

Presentation from IT Stem Academy

Mr. Charles Swann, Bridgerland Technical College explained the mission of the IT Stem Academy

Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Coordinator Bridgerland Technical College IT STEM instructor and coordinator discussed the role of the eight participating high schools.

Ms. Amy Norman, Mountain Crest High School, IT Stem Program discussed the impact of IT Stem Academy on her students.

Mr. Swann discussed the Code to Success program and how it is being used as a pipeline with other programs.

Mr. Steve Williams, USU Lecturer, discussed the IT Stem Academy partnership with Utah State University.

Rep. Ballard complimented the group for the great work rolling the Code to Success program out to other areas in the state. She encouraged the great benefits of the partnership and to expand this type of partnership to other programs.

Sen. Millner expressed appreciation for the presentation. She asked about data regarding how many students have moved to USU and completed Associates Degree into Bachelor's Degree. Mr. Williams responded.

Rep. Wheatley asked about the marketing involved. He also asked if there was a waiting list. Ms. Campbell answered both questions.

Mr. Swann discussed some of the marketing aspects of this program.

Sen. Mayne asked if the program is non-profit. Ms. Campbell stated that the program is free for students in high school. Sen. Mayne asked follow-up questions about funding and the ability to take this program statewide. Ms. Campbell responded.

Sen. Millner explained that originally the programs are designed to meet workforce needs and demands for a region. She stated that last year the first state-wide project was funded. She also mentioned the initial investment and partnerships.

Ms. Campbell briefly mentioned other programs at Bridgerland that are partnering with Utah State University.

## **6 . Tuition Setting Process Update**

Mr. David Buhler, Commissioner for USHE introduced Associate Commissioner Spencer Jenkins and recognized Assistant Commissioners Richard Amon and Brian Shuppy as well as the Interim Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. David Woolstenhulme.

Comm. Buhler discussed the tuition setting process update and changes to the tuition process.

### [6-USHE Tuition Presentation](#)

Rep. Strong asked for more detail about the resident waivers. Comm. Buhler responded.

Sen. Millner gave more information regarding the resident waivers.

Chair McKell mentioned the current philosophy of many politicians who feel that higher education should be completely free to all. He asked for a percentage of students who pay full tuition.

Mr. Jenkins answered that in 2014 about 54 percent of students receive some type of "gift" aid. Comm. Buhler clarified information about the 10 percent tuition waiver.

Rep. Ballard would like to see institutions centralize their scholarships and waivers.

Comm. Buhler discussed the revisions to the process of the Board's tuition setting procedures.

Chair McKell asked about the household regional income and asked Comm. Buhler to address the fact that the tuition rates for SLCC and Snow are higher when looking at nationwide statistics. Comm. Buhler responded.

Sen. Millner asked how the benchmarks were determined. Comm. Buhler responded. She also discussed the importance of affordability. Comm. Buhler responded.

Comm. Buhler reported about a current tuition study at the University of Utah Gardner institute. Chair McKell would like to see metrics as this study moves forward.

Sen. Hillyard asked about high cost of medical school and the burden of heavy debt in student loans. He mentioned the tuition costs for school teachers and nurses. Comm. Buhler responded.

Sen. Hillyard expressed great appreciation to Comm. Buhler for the great impact he has had for the entire state. Comm. Buhler responded.

Sen. Vickers expressed appreciation to Comm. Buhler for his great work.

Sen. Millner expressed appreciation for his great leadership especially from her perspective as a past university president. Comm. Buhler responded.

Chair McKell expressed appreciation as Comm. Buhler's first student intern in 2001. Comm. Buhler responded.

## **7 . Adjourn**



**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to adjourn.

House Chair McKell adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.